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October 8, 2007

Dawahares/KHSAA Hall Of Fame
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, KY 40505

Dear Screening Committee Members,

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Ron Bevars. I believe Ron is notably one of the most successful Basketball coaches in Kentucky. For this reason, I wish to ask you to consider his application for the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall Of Fame.

Ron is a knowledgeable, hardworking and dedicated Basketball Coach. During his tenure at North Hardin High School, he has been extremely successful. Coach Bevars is Kentucky's All-Time winningest active high school coach with an overall record of 682 wins and 286 losses. Coach Bevars has led eleven teams to the region finals (three Final Four appearances and one state final appearance).

He is very well received and respected by his colleagues (As evidenced by his selection to serve as the Kentucky All-Stars Coach this past year.) He is respected by his athletes, both past and present and continues to have a positive impact on his players.

Ron Bevars has played an instrumental part in our Boys Basketball program being the epitome of our school motto, North Hardin, "A Tradition of Excellence".

Based on the aforementioned characteristics, I highly recommend Ron Bevars to you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bill Dennison

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Basketball

Warren Central High School

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14th District Champs

1982, 1987, 1993, 1997, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006

4th Region Champs

1982, 1983, 1987, 1993, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006

KHSAA State Tournament Runner-up - 2005

KHSAA State Tournament Champs - 2004

October 25, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter regarding to Coach Ron Bevars' selection to the KHSAA/Dawahares Hall of Fame.

I was fortunate serve as Coach Bevars' assistant coach from 1985-1988, during which I learned so many life lessons from him. His people skills have been instrumental to me as a coach for over twenty years and helped me to coach a 2004 State Basketball Championship at the KHSAA Sweet Sixteen. He taught me how to mentor to young athletes and students, and remains today a great mentor to me.

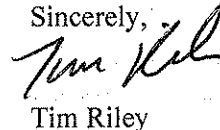
But it is not only basketball that has been hugely impacted by Coach Bevars in the state of Kentucky. His influence has been felt in Kentucky's education system as well, with over twenty assistant coaches becoming superintendents, principals, assistant principals, guidance counselors and head basketball coaches. Each of these individuals has been impacted by the life lessons of Coach.

Through his coaching, he has touched the lives of students who have gone on to serve as doctors, lawyers, businessmen, educators, soldiers and a soon-to-be secret service agent. Two of his former athletes went on to play in the NCAA Final Four, one earning an NCAA basketball championship. He has also coached a Heisman trophy candidate, a pro-football player and many other accomplished athletes.

Most of all Coach Bevars should be a Hall of Famer for his career at North Hardin High School. He has served at North Hardin for 36 years 33 as head basketball coach, won 682 games, coached a state runner-up team, three final four teams, eleven 5th Regional Champs, never losing a regional final game.

Remember a great coach and man when selecting your next KHSAA/Dawahares Hall of Fame inductee.

Sincerely,



Tim Riley

bob Watkins ... **Sports In Kentucky**

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Monday, Oct. 22, 2007

Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame
Attn: Nominations
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, Ky 40505

North Hardin High School Boys Basketball coach Ron Bevars is most worthy of consideration for induction to the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Won-Loss records, district and regional titles are a matter of record.

What may not be as clearly documented is the number of young people Bevars had mentored and helped go on to higher education and become good citizens during his 32 years teaching and coaching in Hardin County Schools.

Soon to be 65 years of age, Bevars is a deserving nominee for consideration by the KHSAA nominations committee. I want to add my voice to the chorus of those recommending coach Bevars for this honor.

Sincerely,



bob Watkins

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April 6, 2009

Brigid DeVries, Commissioner, KHSAA
Butch Cope, KHSAA
Julian Tackett, KHSAA
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, KY 40505

Dear Ms. DeVries, Mr. Tackett, Mr. Cope:

I came by your office in October, 2008, with Coach Ron Bevars and had the opportunity to meet and visit with you, see your offices and the museum that you are building, and to visit with you about future sponsorship of KHSAA events. Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to visit with both Coach Bevars and me.

As a way of a short introduction, I grew up in Hardin County, Kentucky, and graduated from Sonora High School in 1961. I graduated from Western Kentucky University with a B.A. in Math and from U.K. with a Masters in Geology in 1967. I moved to Louisiana in 1968 and have been involved in the oil and gas business for over 40 years. My wife Claudia and I moved back to Kentucky in December of 2003, after we had restored an old family home and turned it into a private Guest Home, The Thurman-Phillips 1897 Guest Home. Since then we have acquired another old family home, which we restored and turned into Claudia's Tea Room. We have subsequently added another 1901 home, which is waiting to be restored. All of these are in Sonora, Kentucky. Needless to say, the oil and gas business has slowed, but the food and service business has picked up!

I met Gary West a little over two years ago, after he had written his book on Kelly Coleman. I bought the book one Saturday at Barnes and Noble, went home and started reading the book, and could not put it down until I had finished it. It absolutely peaked my old interest in the history of Kentucky basketball!! I called Gary and told him how much I loved the book and that I would like to meet him and Kelly. He told me that Kelly and a group of folks were in the process of trying to raise monies to acquire the old Wayland school and gym and to turn it into a museum. We put on a fund raiser here in Sonora for Kelly and his group and raised a few thousand dollars, and had a great time doing it! By that time, my interest in Kentucky Sport Legends was going to a new level. We decided to take a group of writers and friends and go to Wayland to see what a legendary figure and town looked like up close. Included in the group was my nephew, Chris Thurman, who is a professional videographer, and we spent three days filming in Wayland and Carr Creek. We did a documentary on Kelly and his project to help them continue to raise money.

After we returned from this trip, I talked to Gary about doing a series of documentaries on Legends of Kentucky Basketball. He liked the idea and of course had lots of his own ideas and subjects. We decided our next subject would be Howie Crittenden. We discussed the idea with Howie and he loved the idea of going back and visiting his old home town of Cuba, going to his old college town Murray, and visiting with old friends and coaches. Included in

the documentary are interviews with Benny Pursell, Cal Luther, Frank Ramsey, Roger Bird, Kelly Coleman, Corky Withrow, Freddie Maggard, and Coach Morton Combs. The title of the documentary is "Travels with Crittenden." It will be available in the summer of 2009.

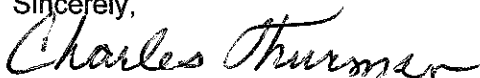
While filming these documentaries, we also completed a documentary on Coach Ron Bevars. Coach Bevars and I went to high school together and most everyone knows that he is the winningest active basketball coach in Kentucky. However, very, very few people know the background of Coach Bevars and what he has had to overcome to become one of the Legends of Kentucky basketball coaches. It was a documentary that I was very proud to be a part of!

While filming these three documentaries I became aware of another Kentucky Legend, Corky Withrow. We began to wonder what had happened to him and what he was doing these days. After many phone calls, we were able to locate Corky in Owensboro, Kentucky, and we asked him if he would meet us in Central City, Kentucky for an interview. We knew the legend of Corky Withrow from the 1950's, but did not know what had happened to him after high school. After a three-hour interview and visits with Corky, some of his old friends and coaches, we were surprised to find Corky was not in the Kentucky Athletic or KHSAA Hall of Fame. We then went back and began to examine the records of the people who had been selected to these Hall of Fames and to compare them to Corky's accomplishments. Needless to say that on a high school level, there were only a few people who were on a comparable level to Corky. As Gary West is often quoted as saying, after the 1956 season it could just as easily have been King Corky as it was King Kelly.

We are enclosing a 30-minute DVD documentary of Corky Withrow. I know that you all know what a great player Corky was. However, we also know that sometimes after a great high school career if a player does not go to UK or has a star career in college or does not become famous someplace else, his career can slip through the cracks. This 1950's legendary baseball and basketball player's career has slipped through the cracks and we need to do something about it while he is still with us! We know as well as you do that there is nothing we can do about YESTERDAY; but we do know that we can do something about TODAY and TOMORROW!! We are asking that the three of you review Corky's tremendous accomplishments from 50 years ago and select this man to the 2010 KHSAA Hall of Fame and let this man and his family enjoy the accolades that they so richly deserve.

I thank you so much for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Thurman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Charles Thurman